

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

## 1. A medical laser apparatus comprising:

a solid laser oscillating source which emits a beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_1$  in an infrared region of approx. 1040 nm to approx. 1080 nm;

5 a first fiber-based Raman shifter including a first Raman fiber which generates, when receives the  $\lambda_1$ -beam from the laser oscillating source, a first-order Stokes beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_2$  different from the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  by stimulated Raman scattering, the first Raman fiber being formed with a pair of fiber Bragg gratings which forms a resonator  
10 for the  $\lambda_2$ -beam;

a first nonlinear crystal which wavelength-converts the  $\lambda_2$ -beam outputted from the first Raman wavelength shifter to a second harmonic beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_2'$  in an orange region of approx. 580 nm to approx. 600 nm; and

15 a light guiding optical system which guides the  $\lambda_2'$ -beam to a treatment part.

2. The medical laser apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the Raman fiber includes a silica( $\text{SiO}_2$ )-based optical fiber doped with titanium  
20 oxide ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ).

3. The medical laser apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

25 a second nonlinear crystal which wavelength-converts the  $\lambda_1$ -beam from the laser oscillating source to a second harmonic beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_1'$  in a green region of approx. 520 nm to approx. 540 nm;

an input switching unit which selectively switches input of the  $\lambda_1$ -beam from the laser oscillating source into between the second

nonlinear crystal and the first Raman wavelength shifter; and

an output switching unit which selectively switches between output of the  $\lambda_1'$ -beam from the second nonlinear crystal to the light guiding optical system and output of the  $\lambda_2'$ -beam from the first nonlinear crystal to the light guiding optical system; and

wherein the light guiding optical system is also adapted to guide the  $\lambda_1'$ -beam to the treatment part.

4. The medical laser apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a second fiber-based Raman shifter including a second Raman fiber which generates, when receiving the  $\lambda_1$ -beam from the laser oscillating source, the first-order Stokes beam of the wavelength  $\lambda_2$  and further a second-order Stokes beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_3$  different from the wavelengths  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  by the stimulated Raman scattering, the second Raman fiber being formed with two pairs of fiber Bragg gratings which form resonators for the  $\lambda_2$ -beam and the  $\lambda_3$ -beam, respectively;

a third nonlinear crystal which wavelength-converts the  $\lambda_3$ -beam outputted from the second Raman wavelength shifter to a second harmonic beam of a wavelength  $\lambda_3'$  in a red region of approx. 610 nm to approx. 630 nm;

an input switching unit which selectively switches input of the  $\lambda_1$ -beam from the laser oscillating source into between the first Raman wavelength shifter and the second Raman wavelength shifter;

an output switching unit which selectively switches between output of the  $\lambda_2'$ -beam from the first nonlinear crystal to the light guiding optical system and output of the  $\lambda_3'$ -beam from the third nonlinear crystal to the light guiding optical system; and

wherein the light guiding optical system is also adapted to guide the  $\lambda_3$ -beam to the treatment part.

5        5. The medical laser apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the second Raman fiber uses at least a part of the first Raman fiber in common.

6. The medical laser apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the input switching unit and the output switching unit include a fiber switch.

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7. The medical laser apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the input switching unit and the output switching unit include a fiber switch.

15        8. The medical laser apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the laser oscillating source includes an Nd:YAG laser, an Nd:YLF laser, or a Yb-doped fiber laser.